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Mr. John F. McGovern, President
National Coffee Association
120 Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. McGovern:

Thank you very much for your letter of 14
October inviting me to speak at your Annual Banquet
for the Naval Reserve Intelligence Officers on 9
December.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to
accept your very kind invitation. In view of my
many official commitments and heavy work schedule,
I have made it a policy to try and keep my outside
speaking engagements to a minimum. However, your
courtesy in asking me to join you on this particular
occasion is indeed appreciated, and I would like to
take this opportunity to wish you every success in
your Banquet.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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JOHN F. MCKIERNAN
PRESIDENT

October 14, 1959

Mr. Allen Welsh Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 "E" Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Each year the Naval Reserve Intelligence Division of the Third Naval District honors an outstanding leader of our Government at its Annual Banquet. In recent years we have had the privilege to show our respectful recognition to the Chief of Naval Operations, to the Secretary of the Navy, to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and to the Director of Naval Intelligence. This year the Intelligence Division desires to recognize the important contribution that you have made over many years in helping to establish and guide the policy of the Central Intelligence Agency.

As Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Intelligence Division of the Third Naval District, I have the honor to invite you to be our honored guest at our Annual Banquet on December 9, 1959, at the Metropolitan Club, New York, New York.

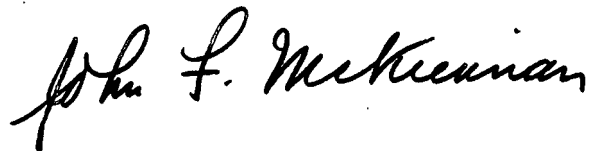
It is anticipated that there will be about 300 Naval Reserve Intelligence officers in attendance. These officers are, in the main, prominent business leaders, investment and commercial bankers, editors and publishers, lawyers, and officers of internationally known U. S. corporations -- steel, shipping, food, textiles, etc.

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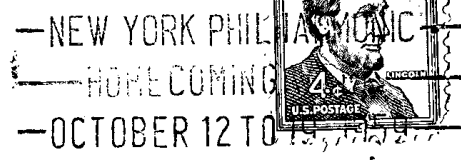
Our dais is usually honored by the presence of high ranking Government officials and representatives of the clergy and the military establishment. This year we will also have the presence of naval representatives from other Naval Districts of the country.

I appreciate the many demands on your time but hope that you will find it possible to avail yourself of this opportunity to speak to an articulate cross-section of U. S. public opinion. In so doing, you will permit us to honor your many achievements in war and peace as an outstanding leader of our Government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John F. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

JFMCK:jm



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